

President Harding Has Reception for Diplomatic Corps

400 Attend First White House
Entertainment Under
New Regime.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD,
New York, March 17.

President and Mrs. Harding held a reception this afternoon for the Diplomatic Corps and the women of their families. It was the first formal entertainment at the White House under the new Administration and was at once stately and enjoyable.

The guests, numbering about 400, entered by the east gates and assembled in the historic East Room, where they were welcomed by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, Under Secretary of State and Mrs. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Dearing and Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Bliss.

President and Mrs. Harding received in the Blue Room, with the President's wife, Col. Clarence Ridley, making the presentations. He introduced the head of each mission, who in turn presented the members of his staff.

Mrs. Harding wore a becoming afternoon gown of jade green velvet in and taupe lace.

Tea was served in the State Dining Room with Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Bliss presiding at the table. Mrs. Harry S. New, Mrs. Alice Pomerehne and Miss Laura Harlan assisted.

The state drawing rooms were decorated with forty-two flowering fruit branches and spring blossoms, while trees were used in profusion. Tradition was followed closely in the color scheme, with the flowers being used in the Blue Room, pink in the Green Room and American Beauties in the Red Room.

COL. C. E. FAUTLEROY, NOTED AVIATOR, WEDS Polish Air Commander Mar- ries Miss Dorothy Bigelow.

Friends of Col. Cedric E. Fautlery, noted aviator, who called at the Hotel Commodore yesterday to see him, were surprised to learn that he had married and gone on a honeymoon trip to Europe. His bride was Miss Dorothy Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Bigelow of Chicago. They were married on Wednesday in the Little Church around the Corner. Former Premier Paderewski of Poland and Mrs. Paderewski are said to have been among the dozen persons who witnessed the ceremony.

In the application for marriage license filed at the Municipal Building on Tuesday the bridegroom gave his age as 29. Miss Bigelow said she was 27. The aviator was born in Natchez, Miss. He and Miss Bigelow became acquainted in Chicago last autumn.

Col. Fautlery was one of the first members of the Lafayette Escadrille, and when America entered the war he joined the 95th Aero Squadron. He was a pilot in 1919 Poland asked for technical officers from the American air service. Fautlery volunteered to go.

With Capt. Merriam C. Cooper he organized the famous Kocuzki Squadron, the only organization ever awarded the Polish Virtuti Militari. In July, 1920, Fautlery was appointed chief of aviation of the Polish Second Army. Capt. Cooper succeeded him as head of the Kocuzki Squadron. In September Fautlery was personally decorated by President Pilsudski of Poland. He returned to America last year on a recruiting mission.

PLAGIER PRIZES AWARDED.

The Harry Harkness Plagier prizes amounting to \$1,500 for original collection of works by American composers have been awarded, and the names of the winners will be announced Sunday afternoon at the concert of the New York Symphony Orchestra in Aeolian Hall. The competition winning the prize will be played by the New York Symphony Orchestra at the first concert next season in Carnegie Hall.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs. John R. Williams of Washington has returned from abroad on the steamship France, and is stopping at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley of the Wayland, Conn., N. J., have come to the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey Curran of Farland, Orin Bay, have gone to the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs.

The final dance of the second series of the Bachelors will be held tonight in the Delta Borgia room of the Vanderbilt. Among those entertaining at supper will be Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Feltmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gouley, Miss Genevieve Glendenin, Mr. John M. Ceballos and Mr. Bruce M. Palmer. There will be another series of the dances on Friday nights during April.

Mrs. Richard Nott Dyer has gone to Hot Springs, Va., for a month.

Mrs. P. De Hart Houston will give a tea to-day from 4 until 7 o'clock in her home, 151 State street, Brooklyn, for Count and Countess Andrew Zichy of Budapest.

J. Philip Benkard and Mrs. Benkard Divorced in Paris

She Is a Daughter of Stephen
H. Olin—He Served on Gen.
Pershing's Staff.

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It was learned yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. J. Philip Benkard, who are widely known in society in New York and Newport, were divorced recently in France. Aside from acknowledging that their marriage had been severed by the French courts members of the families of Mr. and Mrs. Benkard would not discuss the case yesterday. It was ascertained, however, that Mrs. Benkard went to France early in the winter, and that a final decree of divorce was handed down by the courts in Paris a few weeks ago. During the absence of Mrs. Benkard her husband remained in New York.

Mrs. Benkard is a daughter of Stephen H. Olin. Her mother, who was Miss Alice W. Harlow, daughter of the late E. L. M. Harlow of this city, died in 1890 and several years afterward Mr. Olin married the widow of William Earl Dodge. The present Mrs. Olin is a daughter of the late Oliver Harriman and is a sister of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. The only other child of Mr. Olin and his late wife is Mrs. Tracy Dows.

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Soon after the United States entered the war Mr. Benkard gave his services to the Government and had a notable career overseas, serving first on the staff of Gen. Pershing with the rank of Captain. He was later assigned to the staff of Gen. Le Conte of the French Army, who commanded the Thirty-third French Army Corps and saw active service at Verdun. He was decorated by the French Government with the order of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and was honorably discharged a Major.

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THROWN FROM HORSE, MISS KIP MAY DIE

Daughter of Ira A. Kip In-
jured While Riding.

It was learned yesterday that Miss Nathalie Kip, 14 years old, while riding with other pupils of the Dearbourn Morgan School at South Orange, N. J., was thrown over her horse's head and received internal injuries. She was taken to the home of her mother and her stepfather, Dr. and Mrs. Merford Kip, 141 East Fifty-eighth street, South Orange, last night. Her father, Ira A. Kip of Cedarhurst, L. I., was summoned to her bedside. It was feared she would not live.

MISS GARDEN MAY RETIRE.

Talks of Quitting Chicago Opera
Directorship in Year.

CINCINNATI, March 17.—Miss Mary Garden announced here to-day that she would continue to manage the Chicago Opera Company only for another year. Her successor, she said, would be a man, whom she had already selected. She added that he would be "an American" and a "strong agitator for American opera."

DINNER OPENS HOSPITAL.

There was a dinner last night at 153 East Sixty-second street to open the new ten-bed hospital there. It is a new idea in hospitals, in that only the one operation is performed there. There is a ward for charity cases as well as private wards. Among those present were R. C. Othman, one of the trustees, and Dr. John E. Mackenty, Harrison Smith, Robert Fowler and Cornelius G. Caskley.

AMONG THE PLAYGOERS.

Among those who saw last evening's performance of "Tip-Top" at the Globe Theatre were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mathers, Mrs. J. Lee Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Duncan.

"Good Times" at the Hippodrome, was seen by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Buel and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Frank.

At the New Amsterdam for "Sally" were Mrs. B. E. Stafford and party, Mrs. Robert Barrett, Messrs. Stephen E. Elmer, Cy. Olin, A. B. Smiley, Jackson Wade and Mortimer Robson.

To see "Deburau" at the Belasco, were Mrs. J. M. Byrne and party, Mrs. E. R. Brown and party and Mr. J. H. Perkins and party.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK.

Miss Martha Otley gave a luncheon yesterday at 29 West Fifty-third street for Miss Dorothy Post, who will be married to Mr. Van Henry Cartmel, Jr., on March 31. The guests included Misses Florence Glendenin, Catherine Okie, Marie Lamarche, Edith McCook and Virginia De Haven, who as well as Miss Otley will act as bridesmaids.

Mr. Orden Reid will arrive from Palm Beach next Sunday to meet his mother, Mrs. Waitlow Reid, who is to arrive by the Aquitania from Europe. In a few days he will return South.

Prince H. Bibesco, the Roumanian Minister to Washington, and Princess Bibesco, formerly Miss Asquith of England, have arrived at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt 2d and her daughter, the Misses Muriel and Consuelo Vanderbilt, will start for Europe in May.

Mrs. Lucy Work Hewitt, who starts for England on Saturday, will later go to Paris, where she has an apartment, and will pass the summer there.

At their home, 260 Madison avenue, yesterday a son, their fourth child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baker, Jr.

Mr. Harold F. McCormick and his daughter, Miss Muriel McCormick, are at the Plaza Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Saltonstall and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Treat Paine of Boston are at the Belmont Hotel.

Mr. Joseph Harriman has returned from Newport, R. I.

Sir Guy Granet and Lady Granet have returned to the Ritz-Carlton after trip to the West.

WASHINGTON.

The first official dinner in honor of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes was given last night by the French Ambassador, who is dean of the Diplomatic Corps, and Mme. Jusserand. The Belgian Ambassador and Baroness De Carville, the Japanese Ambassador, Baroness Shidehara, the British Ambassador and Lady Geddes and the Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Herbert Hoover were in the company of guests.

The Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Hoover have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rickard of New York.

Mrs. A. Mitchell Palmer, wife of the former Attorney-General, returned yesterday from Atlantic City. Mr. Palmer stopped in Philadelphia en route, but will join Mrs. Palmer to-morrow.

Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader of the Senate, has gone to Bermuda. He will return about a week before the special session of Congress begins.

TRUMBULL LIBRARY ON EXHIBITION HERE

Rare Books of Connecticut
Bibliographer to Be Sold.

At the American Art Galleries the library of the late James Hamilton Trumbull, bibliographer of Connecticut, will be placed on public view to-day, to be shown until its sale at auction on Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday afternoon of next week. The library comprises Mr. Trumbull's entire collection of books and tracts other than those left to historical institutions, and is one of the most important collections of recent historical material gathered by a private collector to be offered for sale in recent years.

In historical interest the collection includes a copy of the Connecticut edition of the Brinley Library, containing several books from this famous collection bought by Mr. Trumbull at the dispersal of the same. Among the literary treasures known here will be found some of the more notable Colonial and Revolutionary books and tracts relating to Connecticut and other sections of New England, as well as some later items bearing upon Western history.

The rare Revolutionary items include a Broadside of 1776 relating to the Boston Massacre, Ethan Allen's "Narrative," Boston, 1779, an "Address to the Continental Congress, 1783," the original issue of America of the Book of Common Prayer, and an important collection of books printed by "Elder" Brewster, one of the Mayflower's passengers; the original issue of Benjamin Franklin's "experiments," a group of early American plays, and an important collection of books relating to American genealogy are some items in the long list.

\$20,000 FOR ANTIQUE RUGS.

All Ashcroft Soultanoff Collection Is
Placed on Sale.

The All Ashcroft Soultanoff collection of 460 antique Oriental rugs and carpets came to auction yesterday at the American Art Galleries and the first day's sales totaled \$20,000.

A fine Khorsasan carpet of Kerman design, 18 by 14 feet, brought the high price of \$1,025, being sold to Dr. Cudgore for \$1,025. The same bidder paid \$575 for a meshed carpet. Other items and the names of the buyers were:

Sarak prayer rug, from the Taghlib collection, L. R. Harzenburg, \$275.
Antique Kalm Karabagh rug, from the Taghlib collection, L. R. Harzenburg, \$275.
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MUZIO AND GIGLI SING IN GIORDANO'S 'ANDRE CHENIER'



Miss Claudia Muzio.

Fine Performance at the Metropolitan Wins Approval of Large Audience.

Giordano's opera, "Andre Chenier," was presented for the second time last night at the Metropolitan Opera House. The performance, led by Mr. Moranzoni, went with a smoothness and certainty not to be mistaken and a large audience seemed generally interested and pleased. The excellent music and the fine work done by the singers all renewed the impression made by the opera when it was given for the first time at the Metropolitan last week.

Miss Muzio as Madeline and Mr. Gigli as the poet were much liked in their parts, while the beautiful singing of the latter caused at times something like a sensation. Other chief singers were Messrs. Danise, Didur and Bada and Mme. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson's seats in Box 1 were Countess Nis de Mondes, Miss Eckstrom, Count de Pezay and Mrs. J. N. Borland, Mrs. Gilbert E. Jones and Mr. George G. Haven were in Box 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harman and Mrs. R. Penn Smith, Jr., were in Box 9. Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont's guests in Box 4 were Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Potter and Mrs. Francis Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams Delano, Mrs. Howard N. Potter and Miss Potter were in the W. K. Vanderbilt box. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harman, Messrs. Campbell W. Steward and Julius Noyes were in Box 12 with Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould.

There also were in the audience Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, Mr. and Mrs. A. Duerr Irving, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tamm, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. N. Thayer Robb, Miss Cornelia Robb, Miss Ruth Moller, Miss Consuelo Bettini and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Richardson.

DEVIL FISH CAUGHT; EXCITES PALM BEACH

Believed to Be Monster That
Ziegfeld Encountered.

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Palm Beach, Fla., March 17.—There was no end of excitement along the water front at the height of the bathing to-day when several fishermen towed to shore a monster lake sea devil, weighing more than a ton and measuring fifteen feet in length. The monster was caught about ten miles off shore and is believed to be the one that was hooked by Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., a few days ago and escaped after towing some twenty miles out to sea.

Mr. Ziegfeld was summoned to the pier to-day, but after viewing the monster he did not believe it was the one that got away from him—it was not big enough.

All during the day crowds flocked to the pier to see the big fish. The yacht Intrepid arrived here this morning with her owner, Willie Sharpe Kilmer, who has been at the Breakers all season, went to Jacksonville to meet the yacht, and came down the outside route.

MIAMI.

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Miami, Fla., March 17.—In honor of St. Patrick's Day women's and men's costumes were in vogue at the dance given by the White Star line.

Among those who were present were Messrs. Freeman Bernstein and his wife, formerly Miss May Ward, who took a brief vacation from vacation to come here and take her London trip pet dogs and to close their home in 124th street.

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BARRYMORES AT THE EMPIRE.

Miss Ruth Chatterton on April 9 will close her five months' engagement in Barrymore's "Mary Rose" at the Empire Theatre and take the play on tour. Ethel and John Barrymore in "Clara de Luna," by Michael Strange (Mr. John Barrymore), will be the next attraction at the Empire.

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Familiar Plants at Flower Show

Imantophyllum, Dainty Bloom
With Ponderous Name,
Wins First Prize.

Familiar garden flowers of affectionate memory were glorified into first place at the International Flower Show in the Grand Central Palace yesterday and received special attention in contests in miscellaneous flower classes and for table decorations. In the latter competition Mr. Thomas Alphonso of Manhattan won the first prize with an arrangement of imantophyllum and streptocodon, which are simple, dainty flowers in spite of their ponderous names. In table decorations Mr. William Redmond Cross of Morristown won second prize. Mrs. Ridley Watts, also of Morristown, third, and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney honorable mention.

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Francis Mohun Phelps, 47 years old, member of the firm of Phelps, Mohun & Phelps, attorneys of Washington, D. C., died of heart disease yesterday at the Mendota Apartments in that city. He had been ill for several days. Mr. Phelps belonged to an old Connecticut family and was born in Paris and spent virtually all his life in Washington.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Boston, March 17.—The death of William Lawrence, who succeeded Dean Thompson as Uncle John in "The Old Homestead" and played the part 3,000 times, was announced to-day. He had been ill for several days, having collapsed while playing here last Saturday.

VIC-ADMIRAL A. A. GERVAIS.

Nice, France, March 17.—Vice-Admiral Alfred A. Gervais, president of the French Naval League, died here to-day. He was 80 years old and was a member of the French Navy since 1882.

MORNING FILMS FOR CHILDREN.

Special morning performances for children during Easter week will be given at the Rivoli starting to-morrow at 10:30. The program for to-morrow includes "The Man with the Camera," a Chester animal comedy, "Beat It" with Shooky, the chimpanzee star, and Easter fantasy with seven dancers and a chorus of interest to the young will compose the programme. Beginning Sunday the children and the adult escorts will be invited to stay through the first performance of "The Man with the Camera" and "Love Special" without additional charge.

Twelve hundred children from the various orphanages and charitable institutions of New York will be guests of Hugo Riesenfeld at each of the performances.

THEATRICAL FOLK ARRIVE.

New Musical Plays Brought From Vienna.

Arriving by the White Star liner Olympic, in from Southampton and London, yesterday afternoon a party of theatrical folk known to the theatrical world. Among them were Freeman Bernstein and his wife, formerly Miss May Ward, who took a brief vacation from vacation to come here and take her London trip pet dogs and to close their home in 124th street.

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Armour Institute's President
Succumbs to Heart Attack
in Chicago.

Chicago, March 17.—Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, noted educator and writer, and since 1891 president of the Armour Institute of Technology here, died suddenly at his home early to-day following a severe heart attack. Physicians were hastily summoned, but he died within two hours.

Dr. Gunsaulus was born on January 1, 1856, at Cheshireville, Ohio, and attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He entered the ministry in Columbus at the age of nineteen and later held pastorates at Baltimore and Chicago. Then followed a series of professorships at Yale, University of Chicago, Ohio Wesleyan and Miami Universities.

Among his best known lectures are those on Oliver Cromwell, George Washington and American statesmanship. His writing included songs, essays, a life of Gladstone and numerous religious works.

For a generation Dr. Gunsaulus had been noted as a leader of civic betterment movements in the city of Chicago and during the world war his caustic attacks on un-American persons and institutions brought him considerable notice. Besides being president of the Armour Institute he was virtually one of its founders. While pastor of a Chicago church he preached what later became known as the "32,000,000 sermon," appealing for aid to the young boys and girls of the city. Shortly after this P. D. Armour came to him with an offer of financial help in founding the Armour Institute and Dr. Gunsaulus was made president.

He was the first to advocate establishment of free kindergartens maintained by churches of the city.

Four daughters, one son, and the widow survive. All are of Chicago, except Mrs. Robert K. Merriman of Allentown, Pa.

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